

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims below by deleting items marked with a ~~strikeout~~ (i.e. ~~patent~~) or brackets (i.e., [patent]) and adding items marked with an underline (i.e. patent).

1. (Original) A pet mastication article comprising:  
  
a micro-porous body;  
  
an enriching agent impregnated into said body.
2. (Original) The article of Claim 1, wherein said body comprises a raw bone.
3. (Original) The article of Claim 1, wherein said body comprises a synthetic bone manufactured from a material selected from the group consisting of plastic and rubber.
4. (Original) The article of Claim 1, wherein said enriching agent is a dietary vitamin.
5. (Original) The article of Claim 1, wherein said enriching agent is a dietary mineral.
6. (Original) The article of Claim 1, wherein said enriching agent is an anti-microbial agent for combating microbial agents that cause illness and disease.

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7. (Original) The article of Claim 1, wherein said enriching agent is a flavor enhancer.

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14. (Canceled)

**Please add the following new claims as indicated:**

- 15. (New)     A pet mastication article comprising:**  
  
    **a micro-porous body;**  
  
    **said body having a plurality of pores with diameters of between three microns and ten microns; and**  
  
    **an enriching agent impregnated into said body.**
- 16. (New)     The article of Claim 15, wherein said body comprises a raw bone.**
- 17. (New)     The article of Claim 15, wherein said body comprises a synthetic bone manufactured from**  
  
**a material selected from the group consisting of plastic and rubber.**
- 18. (New)     The article of Claim 15, wherein said enriching agent is a dietary vitamin.**
- 19. (New)     The article of Claim 15, wherein said enriching agent is a dietary mineral.**
- 20. (New)     The article of Claim 15, wherein said enriching agent is an anti-microbial agent for**  
  
**combating microbial agents that cause illness and disease.**
- 21. (New)     The article of Claim 15, wherein said enriching agent is a flavor enhancer.**

22. (New) A pet mastication article comprising:

a micro-porous body;

said body having a plurality of pores with diameters of between three microns and ten microns; and

an enriching agent impregnated into said body, wherein said impregnation is accomplished via vacuum impregnation.

23. (New) The article of Claim 22, wherein said body comprises a raw bone.

24. (New) The article of Claim 22, wherein said body comprises a synthetic bone manufactured from a material selected from the group consisting of plastic and rubber.

25. (New) The article of Claim 22, wherein said enriching agent is a dietary vitamin.

26. (New) The article of Claim 22, wherein said enriching agent is a dietary mineral.

27. (New) The article of Claim 22, wherein said enriching agent is an anti-microbial agent for combating microbial agents that cause illness and disease.

28. (New) The article of Claim 22, wherein said enriching agent is a flavor enhancer.